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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Brian R. JANES et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3652  
Application No.: 10/028,580 ) Examiner: Michael S. Lowe  
Filed: December 20, 2001 )  
For: LOAD BEARING MEMBER ) Confirmation No.: 3268  
ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2005, the period for response to which extends through October 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.